

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the amendments above and the following comments.

Claims 1-23 are pending. Due to an error in the numbering of the original claims, claim 23 was erroneously skipped. Claim 24 has been re-numbered as claim 23. Independent claims 1 and 21 have been amended to delete reference to molybdenum from the grouping for the substituent M in the recited formula $\text{MO}_4\text{H}_2\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$. Claims 7-9, which are dependent from claim 1, are amended to delete reference to molybdenum. Claim 3 has been amended to clarify that the reaction product is formed by mixing and reflux. This is supported throughout the instant specification such as in the disclosed examples. Claim 11 has been amended to place it in independent form. Claim 14 has been amended to specify that the substituent M in the recited formula is selected from the group consisting of tellurium, selenium and tungsten. This amendment to claim 14 is supported in the specification, at least, at page 2, lines 21-27. Claim 14 has also been amended to recite that the terminal amines on the recited formula have the substituents R^1R^2 in view of R_2 . This amendment is supported in the instant specification at page 6, lines 16-20 where it is stated:

It is expected that, for the R_2NH used in the reaction, any secondary amines of the formula $\text{R}^1\text{R}^2\text{NH}$ where R^1 and R^2 can be the same or different and are selected

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from linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated C₂-C₄₀ alkyl groups, C₃-C₄₀ cycloalkyl groups, C₆-C₄₀ aryl groups, C₇-C₄₀ alkaryl and aralkyl groups will work unless there is significant steric hindrance near the amine nitrogen.

Therefore, a person skilled in the art would understand that the obtained product would have the substituents R¹R² on the terminal amines in view of R₂. Claims 18-20 which are dependent from claim 14 has been amended to delete reference to molybdenum. It is believed that no new matter has been added.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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